

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 24 with the following amended paragraph.

The invention encompasses a stromal cell genetically engineered to express a polypeptide of the invention in an amount effective to support proliferation or survival of a stem cell or germ cell. These cells include primordial germ cells, germ line stem cells, embryonic stem cells, hematopoietic stem cells, hematopoietic progenitor cells, pluripotent cells or totipotent cells

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 29 with the following amended paragraph.

The invention provides for an implant comprising a cell genetically engineered to express a polypeptide of the present invention in an amount effective to support proliferation or survival of a stem cell or germ cell. These ~~implants of~~ implants of the present invention include those wherein the cell is a primordial germ cell, germ line stem cell, embryonic stem cell, hematopoietic stem cell, hematopoietic progenitor cell, pluripotent cell, or totipotent cell.